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Volunteer Your Time On National Public Lands Day Saturday, September 18th

Roll up your sleeves and let's get our hands dirty! Saturday, September 18th is National Public Lands Day (NPLD) and it's the nation's largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve and enhance the public lands Americans enjoy all year long. Americans all over the country will be giving their time to improve the lands they hike, hunt, bird-watch, camp, and relax upon.

Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks National Monument near the Pueblo de Cochiti needs some sprucing up after recent monsoon rains washed out the popular cave loop trail. You can help. Volunteers will also erect split rail fencing and remove brush from an American Disability Act trail planned for the new Veterans' Memorial Scenic Overlook at the National Monument.

There will be free passes, t-shirts, and posters for volunteers while supplies last. Last year nearly 1000 volunteers built trails, planted trees and removed trash and invasive plants around New Mexico. It's all about being good stewards of the land.

Please call 877-276-9404 or 505-761-8713 to volunteer your time and register for lunch. So get dirty and have the satisfaction of knowing you improved public lands. Go to the NPLD website and visit www.npld.com for more information.

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Editor's Note: Jim Hughes, Deputy Director for the Bureau of Land Management, is expected to lend a hand with other New Mexicans at this National Public Lands Day event. If you are interested in a photo opportunity, please call Danita Burns, Public Affairs, at 505.761.8713.



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